

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
February 2, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 6:18 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Dennis McKelvie, Kim Gravelle, DJ Hoffman, Cathy Abramson, Jennifer McLeod, Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, Bridgett Sorenson, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, and Aaron Payment.

Absent: Catherine Hollowell.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McLeod, to excuse Director Hollowell from the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McLeod, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2016-32, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Travis J. Goetz.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Travis J. Goetz for the convictions of: Criminal Attempt (Obstructing Performance of Police Duties) – 9/2011; Felony Controlled Substance – Del/Man. – 5/2011; Felony Stolen Property – Receiving/Concealing (1,000-20,000) – 4/2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2016-33, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Michael W. Kern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Michael W. Kern for the convictions of: Trespass-Forbid/Refuse to Depart – 12/2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2016-34, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Joshua Frazier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Joshua Frazier for the convictions of: Attempt-Misdemeanor Controlled Substance-Possession of Analogues – 3/2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2016-35, Trust Land Status Parcel Adjacent to St. Isaac Jogues Church Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan on behalf of the Tribe:

Lots 1 through 30, Block 6 (entire) and Lots 10 through 21, Block 7, all of which is in the A. B. Wilgus' Addition. City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan. Section 8, Township 47 North, Range 1 East. Michigan Meridian Michigan. Approximately 10 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parcel to be acquired is to increase Tribal land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairperson and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as maybe necessary to complete such conveyance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2016-36, National Indian Gaming Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of dues for NIGA membership of \$15,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints the following as the Tribe's representatives to NIGA:

Delegate: Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson; Alternate: Cathy Abramson; Alternate: Dennis McKelvie; Alternate: Kim Gravelle; Alternate: DJ Hoffman; Alternate: Jennifer McLeod; Alternate: Lana Causley-Smith; Alternate: Catherine Hollowell; Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson; Alternate: Keith Massaway; Alternate: Denise Chase; Alternate: Darcy Morrow; Alternate: Kenneth J. Ermatinger, Gaming Commission Ex. Dir.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2016-37, Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for FY 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents on the Tribe's behalf.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2016-38, Amending Tribal Code: Chapter 43 Section 43.801.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends the Tribal Code, section 43.801, changing only the tax rate percentage, so that the entire section will now read:

43. 801 Imposition of Hotel Use Tax.

(1) There is hereby levied a hotel use tax of 12% of the Gross Occupancy Receipts on every Person who uses or occupies a room furnished by a Hotel located on Tribal and Trust Lands.

(2) The hotel use tax shall be imposed upon the Person who purchases the room. The Hotel shall collect the hotel use tax from such Person.

Motion carried with Directors Massaway, Causley, Sorenson opposing.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2016-39, Due Process Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors enacts the proposed revisions to the casino, government and enterprise Due Process policies as attached on page 1 beginning on March 1, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2016-40, Emergency Conditions Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors enacts the proposed revisions to the casino, government and enterprise Emergency Conditions policies as attached on pages 1 through 3 beginning on February 2, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to table the resolution regarding Disposal of Property.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Hoffman, McLeod, Chased, Gravelle approving; Directors Abramson, Massaway, Causley, McKelvie, Sorenson opposing; Chairperson Payment approving, breaking the tie vote.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2016-41, Approving Contract Dust & Campbell, P.C.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Dust & Campbell, P.C., for the purpose of providing legal services to the Tribe.

Motion carried with Director Hoffman opposing.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2016-42, Full Interpretation of Cost of Living Increase (COLA) Qualifying All Team Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the purposes of implementation of the COLA approved by the Board of Directors, the term "all" shall mean "all" team members, until such time that a new market study is conducted to determine the relative position of team members with respect to the "min", "mid", and "max" categories.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2016-43, Diabetes and Third Party Revenue FY 2016 Budget Modifications and Special Diabetes Request to Establish FY 2016 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2016 budget modifications to Diabetes for a reduction in Third Party Revenue of \$59,451.44, thus eliminating this budget, and to Third Party Revenue reducing transfer amount by \$59,451.44. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Community Directed Grant Program Award #H1D4IHS0041-00 grant and approves the establishment of a FY 2016 budget for Special Diabetes with Federal IHS monies of \$912,394.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2016-44, FY 2016 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2016 budget modification to Home Improvement for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$42,862. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Abramson, to approve Res. 2016-45, ACFS-USDA FY 2016 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2016 budget modification to USDA to reallocate expenses to purchase a freezer. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2016-46, Education – Evaluation of STAY Excess Funds Establishment of FY 2016 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2016 budget for Evaluation of STAY Excess Funds with Other Revenue from Fund Balance of \$6,552.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McKelvie, to approve \$2,200.00 from the Fisherman Fund for Doug Frazier for the Fisherman Assistance Program and will consider this a budget modification with this appropriation.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors McLeod, Massaway, Causley, McKelvie, Gravelle, Sorenson approving; Directors Morrow, Hoffman, Abramson opposing; Director Chase abstaining.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Abramson, to accept the resignation of Harold Tolan from the Election Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.,

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Sorenson, to accept the resignation of Louise Eddy from the Unit Two Newberry Elders Subcommittee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director McLeod, to appoint Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar to the Child Welfare Committee for a four year term, expiring February 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Date: 3-8-16

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: John Wernet, Christine McPherson, Bill Connolly, Russ McKerchie, Joanne Carr.